

March 10, 2011

Dear Chairman Murphy and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for HB 456. I support this bill for several reasons.

First, this bill would ensure that parents are notified before their children are exposed to sex education curriculum they oppose. We have two daughters attending Helena public schools. One is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and the other is a sophomore at Capital High School. We were shocked and very upset to learn (among other things) that our school district would like to teach our 5<sup>th</sup> grader the different ways heterosexuals and homosexuals can engage in sexual intercourse and the body parts that can be used. Our older daughter would be taught the value of viewing erotic images in art. We, along with many others in the community, attended local school board meetings and expressed our opposition to bringing the SEICUS curriculum here to Helena. Despite parent outcry, the District moved forward with their proposed curriculum, essentially unchanged. The notification requirements in this bill are both necessary and reasonable.

Second, this bill would no longer allow Planned Parenthood such easy access to our children. As the nation's largest abortion provider, it is a serious conflict of interest for Planned Parenthood to be presenting information to our teens. Our children are a captive audience in the classroom, and their tendency is to perceive guest speakers as a reliable and trusted source of information. Having reviewed Planned Parenthood's literature, I do not support their claims that they present complete, unbiased, trusted, and reliable information.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> the Helena Independent Record printed an article on HB 456 following the House Education Committee hearing. During testimony, a senior at Capital High School said he was appalled at the graphic video Planned Parenthood presented to his sophomore Health class two years ago. I'm not familiar with the video, so I stopped by their clinic to see if I could obtain a copy of the video or preview it in their office. Since our daughter is a sophomore and is taking Health this semester, I wanted to see the video and formulate my own opinion. Staff at the clinic directed me to their education office. No one at either location knew anything about this video.

Upon leaving Planned Parenthood's clinic, I noticed a colorful "gift bag" at the counter that could be purchased for \$1.00. **I was shocked when I looked at the bag. My heart sank as I thought, "Is this the kind of education that my daughter will be receiving from Planned Parenthood this semester?"** The bag contained 2 condoms and lubricant, a business card identifying their services, and a little slip of red paper with a "catchy" phrase. It said, "*Wrap your joker before you poke her*". I purchased one of these bags, which is attached, because it speaks to Planned Parenthood's philosophy and their approach to reaching and teaching our

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## **Exhibit: 7**

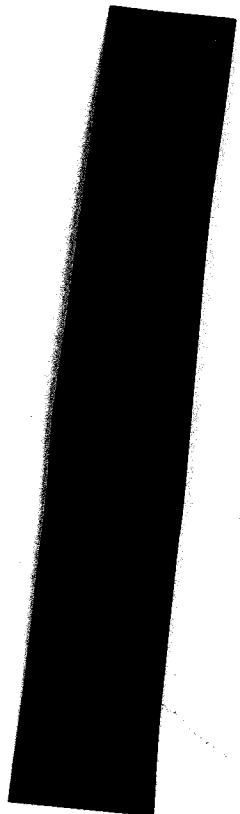
**This exhibit has 3-dimensional items;**

- 1. Plastic bag hearts on it reseal able.**
- 2. 3 Condoms 2 clear color 1 red**
- 3. 1 small container of water base lubricant {ID glide product name}**
- 4. 2 Planned Parenthood business cards**
- 5. 1 red piece of construction paper with the phrase "Wrap your bait before you mate" on it.**

**Therefore it cannot be scanned; the bags that have contain the condoms, business cards plus red piece of construction paper have been photo copied help you in your research.**

**The original exhibit is on file and can be viewed at the Montana Historical Society.**

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